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I object to the Executive Summary primarily due to the sentence in the fifth paragraph which states in part: "This site is easily accessible from the...west...by Rt. 111..." This statement is false as was demonstrated by the comments by myself and others; in particular a judge who spoke in detail of the difficulty in driving from Alfred to Biddeford using Rt. 111 due to the delays caused by traffic. This is a critical point in that it establishes the future isolation of the citizens in the west of the county from the court, the potential delays in the court schedule on a daily basis, and the increased difficulty in transporting prisoners from the Jail in Alfred down this congested corridor.

I also object to the minutes in that they omit many valid points made by myself and others in favor of Alfred as the courthouse site such as the above mentioned traffic congestion on Rt. 111, the increasing traffic congestion within Biddeford, the ease of travel from Biddeford to Alfred, the more equal access to the court for all of the citizens (75% of whom live outside of the Biddeford area) if the court were to be sited in Alfred, and the vast increase in annual costs to the citizens of York County if the court were to be located in Biddeford. In addition I had made the point that over the next one hundred years we have no way of predicting where the where the population or the court activity would be centered. Therefore the only safe choice would be to place the court in the geographic center of the county which is Alfred, the county seat.